

Tips about meeting online friends in person:

We are often advised not to meet in person people that we've met online. However, we know that many people often make the decision to do so. These people can be from online groups, forums, gaming communities or online dating.

- Here are a number of tips that can help to keep you safe if you do make that decision to meet in person.
 - Tell family or close friends who you are meeting.
 - Share with them as many details as possible about the person (full name, phone number, online information).
 - Give your itinerary (where you are going and at what time) to your family and friends.
 - Text/call them throughout.
 - Have a family or friend on standby who can come and get you if needed.
 - Meet during daylight hours.
 - Meet in a public place that you are familiar with.
 - Meet in a venue which uses the 'Ask Angela' Campaign. (A campaign where if a member of the public asks for Angela they will support you to leave discreetly).